

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 738

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jack Heatherly “Trey” Lefler III of Loudon and Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jack Heatherly “Trey” Lefler III; and

WHEREAS, Trey Lefler was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Mr. Lefler was serving with acumen and alacrity as a State Field Representative for U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander’s 2008 re-election campaign, in which position he had earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; prior to that, he worked as an aide in Senator Alexander’s office in Washington, D.C., as well as in the office of Jeffrey J. Kimbell and Associates, as a summer intern at the Pentagon, and in the office of United States Senator Bill Frist; and

WHEREAS, while in Washington, D.C., Mr. Lefler lent his innumerable talents as a board member of the Capital Club of Washington, a mentor in the “Everybody Wins” reading program, a founding member of the Capitol Entertainment Group, and as a utility player for the Chiefs Softball Team; and

WHEREAS, Trey’s intellectual aptitude, strong leadership skills, and athletic prowess were evidenced early on as he was named Valedictorian of the Loudon High School Class of 2000 and served as captain of the mighty Redskins football and basketball teams; he was also a member of the 4-H program and the recipient of several honors recognizing leadership and service, including the Henry Blackburn Football Award and the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen distinction; and

WHEREAS, Trey was a proud graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee, where his parents, stepfather, and numerous family members also attended; and

WHEREAS, during his studies at Sewanee, Trey evinced the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; he was a Highlander, a “ninja,” and a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and the Order of Gownsmen, as well as Captain of the Sewanee Tigers Basketball team; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Mr. Lefler participated in the St. James Pilgrimage to Santiago, Spain, and an outreach trip to Kingston, Jamaica; his exuberance in life and passion for others cannot be captured in words; and

WHEREAS, Trey Lefler was an active and devout member of The Episcopal Church, which he served faithfully and proudly his entire life; he modeled his life after the second commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself “(Matthew 22:39); and

WHEREAS, in addition to his deep devotion to the Lord, Trey was also deeply attached to his family and friends, as well as to his state and country, and his favorite team, the Alabama Crimson Tide; and

WHEREAS, as a natural extension of his loving and generous spirit, Trey chose to be an organ donor and, through his death, is saving the lives of at least five others; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Rev. John G. Clarkson, Jr., and paternal grandmother, Josephine Smith Lefler; and

WHEREAS, Trey is survived by his mother and stepfather, Tweetie and Edwin White; father, Jack H. Lefler II; sister, Laura Lefler; step siblings, Carter and Nick White; maternal grandmother, Mary Clarkson; paternal grandfather, Jack H. Lefler; aunts and uncles, Martha Lee, John G. Clarkson III, Joe Clarkson, Joe Mourfield, and Jennie Norton; loving girlfriend, Jane Hedges; close pal and renaissance man, John Herzog; and a multitude of great aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends whom he adored; and

WHEREAS, Trey Lefler leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jack Heatherly “Trey” Lefler III, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lefler.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.